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What is the Propel Conference?

Propel's goal is to promote small business growth and entrepreneurial success in south-suburban Chicago and northwest Indiana. The event is planned, sponsored and promoted through the cooperation of individuals and businesses that are passionate about the community and dedicated to strengthening our local economy.

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Why was this conference created?

Propel began as an initiative to boost our local economy. Small businesses are struggling, jobs are being lost, and commerce is slowing down. Through an increase in educational opportunities and with the help of local financing and government-sponsored consultation, we hope to strengthen our business community's foundation as well as the region's economy.

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Who should attend?

Propel is a fit for small business owners and managers who are looking to take their business to a new level, for individuals ready to launch a new business and for students who have an entrepreneurial spirit.

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What can I expect from the Propel Conference?

Propel offers an interactive atmosphere, networking opportunities, informative sessions, and hands-on workshops. Professionals will be available to offer their expertise and guidance through face-to-face conversations. The conference content will be tailored to two audiences: potential and current business owners. At registration, each guest will select the track that best suits their interest; "Starting a Business" or "Growing a Business."

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Why is this event held at local churches and religious organizations?

The mission of the local church is to reach out to the surrounding community. With a local church as the host, the conference takes place right in the heart of the community, and the registration fee remains as low as possible. We hope to bring this event to a number of different counties, and by utilizing religious organizations, we can be available to everyone we are striving to support.

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How is my registration fee used?

Through the donation of a facility and the generosity of our sponsors, we have dramatically decreased the actual cost to attend Propel. Your registration fee is used for refreshments, conference materials, and speakers. The local church is the host for our conference, but does not financially benefit in any way.

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